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## **Rep. Bernard Schaber Statement on Gov. Walker's Budget Address**

MADISON – Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) released the following statement in response to Gov. Walker's budget proposal:

**"In two short months in office, it has become painfully obvious that this administration and this new majority have decided that their way is the only way. Instead of embracing policies that unite us, they have chosen to focus on ways to divide us. Instead of finding ways to maintain the quality of life for all citizens, they have sent us on a race to the bottom.**

**I'm gravely concerned about the deep cuts to education and local services that will result from the Governor's budget proposal. Funding for Appleton's schools, waste management systems, and police and fire departments are all at risk. Programs that middle-class families rely on to get by, like Badger Care, Senior Care, and Family Care have been targeted for large cuts.**

**However, I was pleased to hear Gov. Walker's many calls to "work together"—it will be a welcome change of tone from the one that has characterized the Governor's work over the past two months.**

**My Democratic colleagues and I have taken extraordinary measures over the last few weeks to make sure that every Wisconsin citizen had their voice heard on Governor Walker's attack on workers' rights. In the coming days and months, we will continue to make sure that this budget receives the scrutiny it deserves. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Legislature to find ways to modify Gov. Walker's budget so that it doesn't place such a heavy burden on Wisconsin's hard-working middle class families."**

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